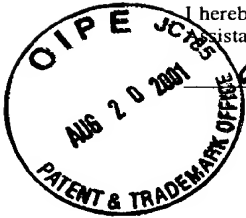


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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO 37 CFR 1.105 REQUEST

Information in relation to the Examiner's request for further information under 37 C.F.R. 1.105 mailed 05/25/01 and further requested 06/18/01 (with a 1-month response period), is provided below. Enclosed is a Request for a 1 month extension of time.

In response to the Request, an Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, and copies of references listed in the 1449 form are enclosed. It is not known if the enclosed references are actually related to quality control, only that they might be.

The Examiner commented upon a particular embodiment being the "preferred embodiment". This is the Examiner's statement only. The application speaks for itself. Since the Examiner's statement on this aspect is not required for the request, no concurrence or response to the Examiner's assertion on this point is needed or provided.

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www.micropatents.com; <http://www.gene-chips.com/>;
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2) Companies believed to be involved in microarray related technology whose web sites (if they exist) might be searched:

ABI/Applera/Celera

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